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BEGIN SUMMARY. THIS SUBJECT CONSIDERED IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 27 NOV 73. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPARING BIDS EXCLUSIVE OF DUTIES AND TAXES AS A PREREQUISITE TO APPROVAL OF A NEW SLICE GROUP XXVI-XXX. ALL NATIONS EXCEPT ITALY AGREE TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS PRINCIPLE TO PROJECTS NOT YET AUTHORIZED BY THE TIME THIS NEW PRINCIPLE SHALL COME INTO EFFECT. END SUMMARY.

1. PARAGRAPHS (B) AND (D) OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DPC POROPSED IN AC-4-WP/505, REPORTED UPON IN REFB, ARE NOW MODIFIED TO READ:

QUOTE(B) AGREE THAT PREPARATIONS FOR SLICE XXV SHOULD PROCEED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF IAU 55 MILLION (1) WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP
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(AT THE TIME OF APPROVAL OF THE NEXT SLICE GROUP.) (2)
THERBY INCREASING THE CEILING OF THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP FROM IAU 250 MILLION TO 305 MILLION;
(D) AGREE THAT, CONCURRENTLY (3) WITH THE DECISIONS

ON THE SIZE AND COST SHARING OF SLICES XXVI-XXX, THE PRINCIPLE OF EVALUATING BIDS FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL PROJECTS AS YET UNAUTHORIZED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES AND IN NO CASE LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE COST SHARING PERIOD.

FOOT NOTES:

(1) MOST NATIONS ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO AN AMOUNT UP TO IAU 60 MILLION ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AMOUNTS FOR PROJECTS WHICH MAY BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED IN THE SCREENING PROCESS WILL NOT NORMALLY BE AVAILABLE FOR REPROGRAMMING ABOVE THE LEVEL OF IAU 55 MILLION. TWO NATIONS, HOWEVER, CANNOT AGREE TO ANY AMOUNT HIGHER THAN IAU 55 MILLION.

(2) MOST NATIONS HOLD THE VIEW THAT THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SLICE XXV SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO THE NEXT SLICE GROUP.

(3) ALL NATIONS, EXCEPT ITALY, CAN AGREE WITH THIS WORKING. IN VIEW OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIFFICULTIES, ITALY CANNOT GUARANTEE THE APPLICATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES COMMENCING WITH THE DECISIONS ON THE SIZE AND COST SHARING OF SLICE GROUP XXVI-XXX. ITALY FURTHER MAINTAINS THAT THE PRINCIPLES WHEN

APPROVED SHOULD APPLY ONLY TO SLICES XXVI-XXX. UNQUOTE

2. MISSION COMMENT. TWO NATIONS REFERRED TO IN FOOTNOTE(1) ARE CANADA AND UNITED KINGDOM. REGARDING FOOTNOTE (2), ACTUALLY ONLY CANADA SPONSORS THE LINKING OF SLICE XXV FUNDING TO THE NEXT SLICE GROUP. CONCERNING FOOTNOTE (3) AND STATEMENT IN SUMMARY ABOVE, THE ITALIAN POSITION IS RELATED TO NATIONAL LEGISLATION WHICH ITALY MAY NOT HAVE RESOLVED IN ANOTHER SIX MONTHS.
END COMMENT

3. US POSITION AT NEXT MEETING WILL CONTINUE CONSISTENT WITH
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REF A. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PAPER PRESENTED TO MINISTERS WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED AND AS MODIFIED ABOVE.
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